

**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 18, 2006**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historical Design Review Commission was called to order on July 18, 2006 at 6:03 p.m. by Chrm. Thompson in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington, Briggs,  
Kidd, Chrm. Thompson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Elder

**STAFF PRESENT** Will Wong, Community Development  
Director; Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Steve  
Geiger, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer,  
Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 20, 2006 were approved as submitted.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. **Historic Design Review – 160 Harrison Avenue  
(Mustard’s Last Call) – File HDR 06-17.** The applicant  
requests Historic Design Review approval for one (1)  
window sign.

Planner Geiger gave the staff report. The applicant has  
established a new restaurant and is proposing one window  
sign that will use vinyl window graphics. The sign has

already been posted in the window. Staff is supportive of the proposal.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Dena Johnson of 1141 Slade Lane in Auburn stated that the sign you see in their window now is temporary and will be removed as soon as possible after approval of the new sign.

Comm. Smith asked if the small signs in their window will remain there.

Ms. Johnson said no, they will not.

Comm. Worthington asked Planner Geiger why the standard façade sign regulations were applied to this window sign.

Planner Geiger responded that the guidelines speak to allowing for window signs, however there are no specific detailed guidelines for window signs.

Comm. Worthington asked if the Historic Design Review Commission wished to refine the window sign guidelines, could that be added as a future agenda item.

Planner Geiger said that is correct and a recommendation would have to be made to the City Council for an amendment to the Guidelines.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Smith asked staff if there is a way to implement a time limit for installing signs so that applicants won't leave up temporary signs and banners and will take less time to install permanent signage.

Planner Geiger replied that sign permit approvals are good for two years. Staff is reluctant to place an additional time frame within that period on signs because some businesses have many details to be worked out for a new sign(s).

Comm. Smith commented that many businesses seem to keep their temporary signs up for several months and as they deteriorate it is not aesthetically pleasing.

Planner Geiger replied that Staff would prefer to make contact with those who are leaving their temporary signs up for too long.

Comm. Kosla asked how long a banner is permitted to be used.

Planner Geiger replied that a banner is permitted for 30 days.

Director Wong stated that the issue is the use of illegal signs, and the code enforcement officer is working toward imposing fines for those who are out of compliance.

Comm. Kosla asked if temporary signs are allowed at all.

Director Wong said that businesses are only allowed to use banners as temporary signage for a maximum of 30 days.

Comm. Kosla **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-11 as presented, approving one new window sign for Mustard's Last Call at 160 Harrison Avenue.

Comm. Briggs **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington, Briggs,  
Kidd, Chrm. Thompson  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Elder

The motion was approved.

**B. Historic Design Review – 905 Lincoln Way  
(Michael Kent Murphy) – File HDR 06-18.**

The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for a new sign, new trash enclosure, and façade changes including a new covered entry porch, new concrete stairs, new planters, ATM machine, a new handicap lift, and a new paint color on the exterior of the building at 905 Lincoln Way.

Planner Geiger gave the staff report. The signage proposed will contain individual metal black letters

to be located over the entrance of the building. The applicant proposes painting the building white, enlarging the existing entrance to include a patio, black metal railing at the edge of the patio, a cover with a terra cotta tile roof that will match the existing building, and a dark green rain gutter. The applicant will remove a front window to install a new ATM machine, and install a new handicap lift along the north side of the new patio. The existing handicap ramp along the north side of the building will be removed. Staff believes the materials and colors the applicant has chosen are compatible with the building. The applicant is also proposing a new trash enclosure, and staff has added a condition that is typically included on new commercial or industrial projects, requiring that the trash enclosure contain six foot high decorative masonry walls, solid wood or metal gates, and that the final design and colors be subject to review and approval by the Community Development Department. Staff recommends approval of this project.

Comm. Merz asked if the bank is the only business proposed for this building.

Planner Geiger suggested that the applicant be asked this question.

Comm. Briggs asked if there is a rendition of the entire building showing how the changes will look overall.

Planner Geiger referred to a posted large color drawing which provides a little more information about the changes that will take place, but there is nothing showing the entire building.

Comm. Worthington asked if a 9'x17' parking stall is the City standard.

Planner Geiger replied that it is the minimum.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Michael Murphy, 500 Auburn Folsom Rd. stated that this project is the first phase. There is

the same amount of space available upstairs as well as a basement downstairs. They plan to demolish the building in the back which will allow more parking spaces. Their hope is to make the corner look a lot nicer.

Chrm. Thompson asked how many parking spaces will be added by removing the building in the back.

Mr. Murphy said that it will add almost five new spaces, but will also make some of the existing spaces more usable.

Comm. Smith asked why they chose for the traffic flow to be one-way. He suggested a change in the direction of the one-way.

Mr. Murphy replied that they initially wanted 2-way, but in order to add handicapped access it was necessary to use one-way traffic. He will need to talk to his clients to see if they are willing to change the direction of the traffic.

Comm. Worthington talked about the accessible path for handicapped customers and asked the applicant if he had thought of that in the site design.

Mr. Murphy responded that he had. It meets the requirements of Title 24 in that it is the most accessible parking spot. The natural terrain does not make it legally accessible. In the interest of safety, the ATM machine also needs to be visible. After exploring their options, the space they chose seemed to be the best solution.

Comm. Worthington asked if there is enough width there to accommodate a railing to separate the walking or wheelchair bound customer from the vehicle traffic.

Mr. Murphy replied that he will talk to his client, and believes that would be a possibility.

Comm. Worthington asked if parking space #15 could be eliminated, and the handicapped parking/unloading area shifted over one space.

Mr. Murphy said yes, they can remove parking space #15. He asked Planner Geiger if that could be done by working with Staff.

Planner Geiger replied that the parking issues can be worked out with Staff.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kosla **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-12 as presented, approving a new sign, new trash enclosure, and façade changes including a new covered entry porch, new concrete stairs, new planters, ATM machine, a new handicap lift, and a new paint color on the exterior of the building at 905 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Merz **SECONDED**.

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| AYES:    | Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington,<br>Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Thompson |
| NOES:    | None   |
| ABSTAIN: | None   |
| ABSENT:  | Elder  |

The motion was approved.

- C. **Historic Design Review – 1677 Lincoln Way (Charbonneau Historical Marker) – File HDR 06-19.** The Placer County Historical Society requests Historic Design Review approval to place a bronze plaque honoring Jean Baptiste Charbonneau on an existing marker at 1677 Lincoln Way.

Planner Murray gave the staff report. In 1991 the Placer County Historical Society installed a plaque to commemorate a large cedar tree in Old Town located near the fire house. The Placer County Historical Society wishes to place an additional plaque on the existing marker to acknowledge Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the son of Sacagawea and Toussaint Charbonneau, who served as guides to the Lewis and Clark expedition. The plaque will match what is

already there. Staff is recommending approval of this project.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Karri Samson, Chairman of the Landmarks Committee for the Placer County Historical Society introduced herself.

Comm. Kosla asked how the society is funding this project.

Ms. Samson replied that the bank account for the Historical Society is funding the plaque. Their income comes from membership dues.

Comm. Worthington asked if they plan to educate the local school children.

Ms. Samson replied that they will have a ceremony to dedicate the plaque. She will ask the Historical Society about some type of educational material.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Worthington **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-13 as presented,  
approving the addition of a historical plaque  
honoring Jean Baptiste Charbonneau on an  
existing marker at 1677 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Smith **SECONDED**.

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| AYES:    | Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington,<br>Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Thompson |
| NOES:    | None   |
| ABSTAIN: | None   |
| ABSENT:  | Elder  |

The motion was approved.

**ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

- A. None.
- B. There will be a Historical Design Review Commission meeting on August 1, 2006.
- C. None.

**ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant